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DETAILS OF 8/27/75 MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY  
MINISTER OF DEFENSE CARO AND GENERAL DELIA LA ROCCA  
AT CAMPO DE MAYO

On 9/9/75, an official of the Argentine Army  
Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information:

According to General ROBERTO VIOLA, who claims he was present at the above described meeting, Deputy Minister of Defense CARLOS CARO went to Campo de Mayo during the evening of 8/27/75 on a mission from President PERON to speak with the then Army Third Corps Commander, General CARLOS DELIA LA ROCCA with regard to the selection of a new Army Commander-in-Chief to replace General ALBERTO NUMA LAPLANNE. (S) (U)

According to General VIOLA, CARO began the meeting stating that the Army had placed President PERON in a difficult and embarrassing position and that she desired certain conditions from the Argentine Army prior to her designating a new Army Commander-in-Chief. General VIOLA stated that before CARO could name any of the conditions proposed by President PERON, General DELIA launched into an angry outburst against the President stating in essence that she was a prostitute, who was married prior to her marriage to JUAN DOMINGO PERON, obviously a reference to President PERON's prior alleged marriage to (First name unknown) CATIO. General VIOLA claimed that General DELIA told CARO that the Army would not submit to any conditions, and that he was willing to take over as the Army Commander-in-Chief. General VIOLA stated that General DELIA told CARO that if his designation as Army Commander-in-Chief was not acceptable to the President, then there was only one other alternative that being General JORGE VIDELA. General VIOLA stated that General DELIA concluded his conversation with CARO by telling him that he should relay verbatim the conversation to the President, when he returned to Olivos. (S) (U)

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